Faith

The fields were parched and brown from lack of rain, and the crops lay wilting from thirst. People were anxious and irritable as they searched the sky for any sign of relief. Days turned into arid weeks. No rain came. The ministers of the local churches called for an hour of prayer at the town square the following saturday. They requested that everyone bring an object of faith for inspiration.

At high noon on the appointed saturday, the townspeople turned up, filling the square with anxious faces and hopeful hearts. The ministers were touched to see the variety of objects clutched in prayerful hands: holy books, crosses, rosaries. When the hour ended, as if on magical command, a soft rain began to fall. Cheers swept the crowd as they held their treasured objects high in gratitude and praise

From the middle of the crowd one faith symbol soared to overshadow all the others: a little nine-year-old girl had opened her umbrella!

On his deathbed Lord Nelson of England is reported to have said: "Thank God I have done my duty." If he were an admirer, he would have said "Thank you, God, you have done what my duty." I thought was my duty."

What is an easy question and a difficult question?

An easy question: "Why does God create handicapped children?" The answer: "Because God also created healthy children. The basis of manifestation is duality."

The difficult question: "Why is an innocent person executed for a crime he did not commit?"

Religion —

The basis of every religion is the same: everything that happens is a happening according to the Cosmic Law (God's Will), but in practice every religion has become a dual list of "do's and "don't's, according to someone's concept.

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Briefly, what does enlightened living mean? It means witnessing whatever that happens without condemning anything, and without bringing the "me and mine" into the picture, nor "you" and yours."

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Who will forgive whom for what? Can one person forgive another person for anything?!

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If God had wanted to create homosexuals, He would have created Adam and Steve! But the reason is that in addition to Adam and Eve He has also created a Steve. Steve could not have been created by anyone else.

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If we have understood clearly that pleasure and pain are our destiny, according to God's will or Cosmic Law, we would not condemn anyone for any of our pains. And this is a very important constituent of "happiness", which is fundamentally different from "pleasure". ##

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It is astonishing how easily we forget in daily living small things which have great effects. Thus for instance, we often try to hasten our work unnecessarily as a matter of bad habit, totally forgetting the basic fact of life that everything must happen precisely the way it has to happen, and hastening or hurrying can only make our work less efficient

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It is astonishing how difficult it is for a human being to believe and accept that he is fundamentally nothing but a three-dimensional object, like a stone; if this is constantly kept in mind most of his unhappiness would disappear.